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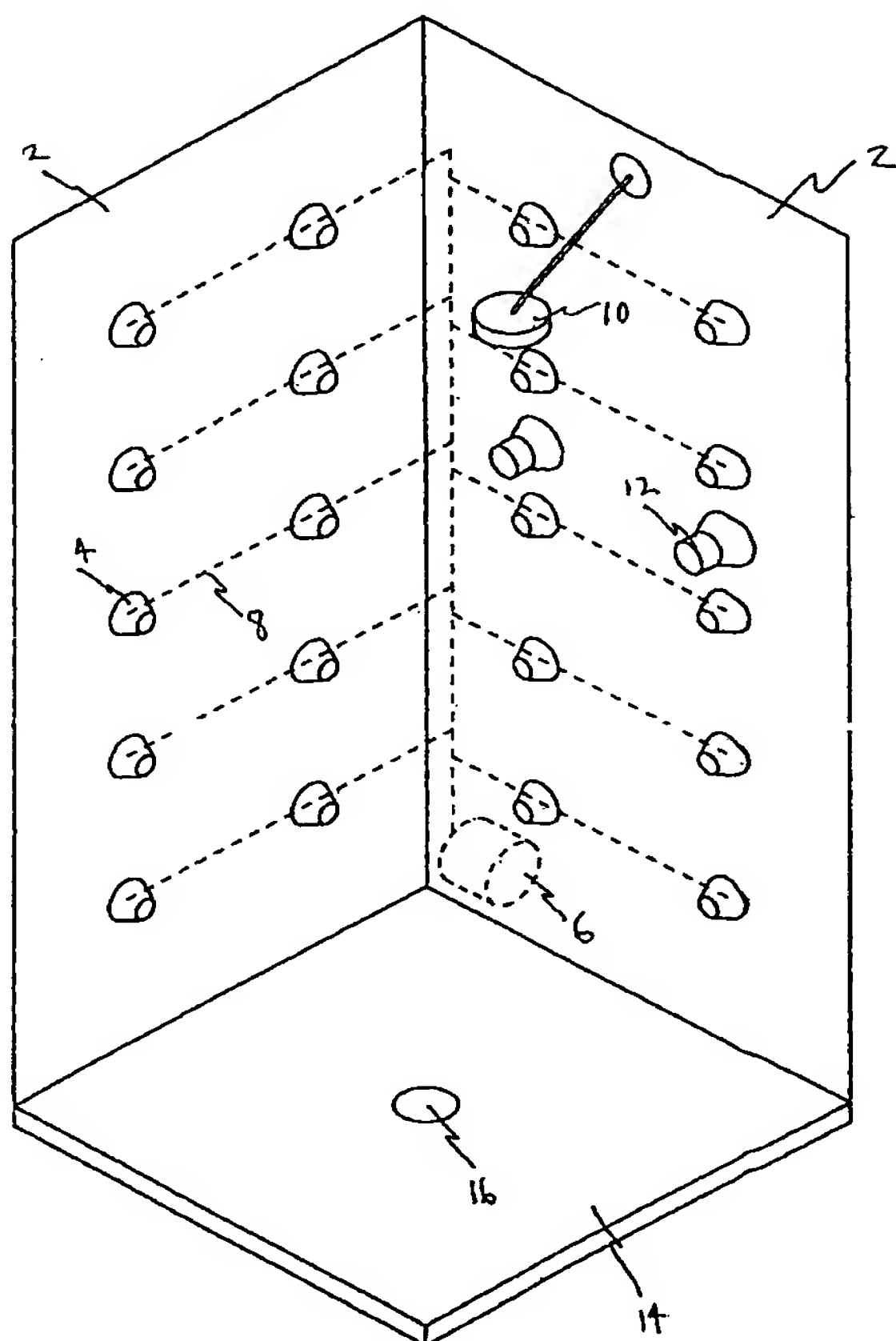
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plying a composition to the skin, the apparatus including a cham-
ber, the chamber including means for washing the skin (10), and
means for applying the composition (4). Applicants have recog-
nised that incorporating means for washing the skin into a chamber
designed for applying a composition to the skin provides a number
of advantages such as removal of foreign matter from the skin, and
also removal of a proportion of the stratum corneum immediately
prior to the removal of a composition such as an artificial tanning
agent. Removal of dead skin cells and other contaminants from the
skin immediately before the application of a composition improves
the reproducibility of the absorption of the active ingredient in the
composition.



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